GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES TO RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the essential commodities being supplied through Fair Price Shops in the Country;

(b) the details thereof, item-wise with price;

(c) whether the Government propose to supply more essential commodities to the Fair PriceShops functioning at present in the State of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): The details regarding allotment of essential commodities viz. wheat, rice, sugar and kerosene under PDS through fair price shops in the country during the year 2001-2002 are as under:

(in lakh tonnes)

Commodity	Allotment
Wheat	129.32
Rice	170.76
Sugar	2.69
Kerosene	10.03

Allotment of edible oil is based on the demand received from States/UTs. There was no allotment of edible oil during the year 2001-2002 in the absence of demand from States/UTs.

The Central Issue Prices of foodgrains supplied under PDS are as under:

(In Rs. per kg.)

Commodity	APL	BPL	AAY
Wheat	6.10	5.10+	4.15 2.00
Rice	8.30	7.30+	6.95++ 5.65

3.00

+ Prices of wheat and rice for APL category have been reduced w.e.f. 1.4.2002.

++ Applicable for the States viz, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttaranchal and NE States.

The ex-storage point price of PDS kerosene is Rs. 6.86 per liter w.e.f. 1.3.2002. The retail issue price of PDS sugar is Rs. 13.50 per kg. w.e.f. 1.3.2002.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. The State Governments have been advised that Fair Price Shop ownersshould be encouraged to enlarge the basket of commodities by adding non-PDS items for salethrough PDS outlets to improve the viability of fair price shops through increased turnover.

With the objective of making available quality consumer goods at affordable prices and to improve the viability of fair price shops apart from containing inflation, a scheme titled `Sarvapria` has been launched. The scheme envisages distribution of 11 selected commodities of daily use namely arhar dal, malka red, urud whole, salt, tea, toilet soaps, detergent cakes, exercise note books, edible oil and toothpaste on no profit no loss basis.

As reported Government of Rajasthan is providing tea, soap, iodised salt, janta cloth, match boxes, exercise books, torch, blade and razer as additional commodities to the beneficiaries through fair price shops.